

ON THE WATERFRONT

A Fairly Lively Day in the Harbor Yesterday.

VESSEL HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Captain Larkin is Presented With Beautiful Marine Glass and Silver Service—Christmas on the Columbine—Conditions at mouth of River Yesterday.

Conditions on the bar were somewhat improved yesterday. At 8 a. m. the wind was blowing from the northwest at 12 miles an hour, the weather cloudy and the bar rough. At 12 noon the wind had shifted and was blowing from the west, and had increased to 15 miles an hour and the bar was still rough. At 4 p. m. conditions were the same as at noon excepting that the condition of the bar was moderate. Two four-masted schooners and a barkentine were sighted about 10 miles to the west.

The British ship Elginhire arrived in at 11:50 a. m. She comes under a charter to load grain at Portland.

The Col. E. L. Drake left out at 2 p. m. yesterday, towing oil barge No. 3.

The steam schooner Johan Paulsen arrived in yesterday at 2 p. m. and left up at 3:15.

The steam schooner Cascade, arrived in at 8 a. m. She left up the river at 11:30 and will load lumber.

The Annie M. Campbell left up at 4 p. m. yesterday in tow of the Melville. She goes to Stella to load lumber.

The large steam schooner St. Helens, on her maiden trip, arrived in at 9 a. m. yesterday and left up at 11:30.

The Costa Rica arrived down on Wednesday night and left for San Francisco yesterday morning.

The British ship Stratherdick came down from Portland Wednesday night and will cross out when good weather permits.

The schooner Alice McDonald came in from Redondo, Cal., yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. She left up at 4 p. m.

The German ship Marie Hackfield arrived in yesterday morning at 9 o'clock from Honolulu having left that port on December 7th. Captain Grube is in command and it is reported that he had a narrow escape from going ashore at Tillamook Head. At 2 o'clock last Sunday morning, it is said, Capt. Grube found that he was dangerously close to shore and calling all hands on deck he placed his men at their different stations with instructions to be alert for orders. It was the captain's intention to take advantage of any favorable wind that might spring up and his men were keen to carry out his orders. About the time hope was about to be given up and the vessel about to go ashore, a favorable breeze came and the ship was enabled to get out of her dangerous position. Coming in over the bar two seas were shipped but no damage was done. It was a narrow escape and the captain felt that the opportune wind that saved him was a godsend.

The steamer Lurline will be back on her regular run today.

The presentation to Captain Larkin mentioned in the Astorian of Wednesday came off as per program on the down trip of the Undine, on Christmas day. As the genial captain took his seat at the dinner table, Steward Stryker came forward with two mysterious packages. Purser Burleigh removed the wrappings and disclosed to the astonished eyes of Captain Larkin a beautiful silver service, and a marine glass of the finest make. The purser then in a felicitous speech presented the articles to one of the most popular men on the river. The captain was taken completely by surprise and was unable to express his appreciation of the gifts his feelings overcoming him. It is an open question who were the happiest, the givers or the receiver, and proud as is the jolly captain of the good will of his co-workers he is no more so than the donors over the opportunity to show their kindly feeling toward him as a man and officer.

The lighthouse tender Columbine, after a rough and stormy trip from Puget Sound, celebrated Christmas peacefully at the foot of Ninth street. Her master, Capt. Richardson, leaving the ship in care of the officers, went to his home and spent the day there with his loved ones. The ship was not decorated on account of unpleasant weather, but a small and beautiful Xmas tree was in the fore-castle, fixed up for the crew when the ship's band struck up, "O Where is my Wandering Boy Tonight." The little tree was illuminated and each of the crew received a small present. There was plenty of turkey to eat, and all enjoyed themselves.

PREPARE FOR STRIKE.

Commercial Telegraphers Reorganizing and Expert Support of Federation.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—The Record-Herald today says: Secret plans to reorganize the Commercial Telegraphers with a view to calling another strike on the eve of the Republican National Convention, which meets here June 6 came to light yesterday.

Organizers are now at work repairing the breach in the ranks caused by the strike of a few months ago.

The convention of the Commercial Telegraphers Union will be held in Milwaukee June 8 and according to present plans, the strike details will be completed at that meeting.

The telegraphers say employers are helping them to reorganize by reducing wages and in this way forcing men who deserted the union during the strike to return to the ranks. The next strike will include all men employed by brokers and private concerns, it is said, as the brokers have reduced wages in spite of the agreements entered into during the last strike.

Wesley Russell, secretary of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union, admitted that a second strike was in contemplation, and that it would be called between June 8, when the telegraphers' convention assembles and the date of the opening of the Republican National Convention.

The next strike, the leaders say, will have the support of the American Federation of Labor.

—Read the Morning Astorian.

WITHOUT MEDICAL AID.

Wealthy Woman Forcibly Detained When Life Was in Jeopardy.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Reports that a woman so ill that her life was in jeopardy was being held against her will and deprived of proper medical attention at her home, as the result of a conspiracy, caused the police to break into the house last night and forcibly remove the sufferer. The woman was Miss Anna Nolan, and the report of her detention was accompanied by a statement to the police that she was possessed of property valued at \$40,000. She is 65 years old. Coincident with her removal M. C. Brown, 82 years old, who declares he is the oldest practicing lawyer in Chicago; A. F. Kelley, a real estate broker, and Mrs. Ruth E. Laughlin were arrested as those who were alleged to have detained her.

When a policeman sought entrance to the house he was barred out and was compelled to batter down the door. He found the sick woman in bed. She made no objection to being removed to a hospital, although Brown is said to have protested.

MONUMENT OF SUGAR.

Chef Makes Fifteen Foot Bust of William McKinley.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—A monument 15 feet high and five feet square, surmounted by a life-size bust of William McKinley, made entirely of sugar, is Benjamin Mog's offering to the holiday decoration of a downtown hotel. "Ben" is the chef of the pastry department of the hotel.

It took Ben ten months to produce his work of art. The casts had to be made, and the chef's tool was a butcher knife. He worked at these daily during the lull in his work and turned out the casts complete three months ago. Then came the construction of the monument proper. Seven hundred pounds of sugar—about four barrels—was used.

OVERDUE BARK ARRIVES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—The overdue French bark Bourgainville reinsured at 10 per cent, sailed into port late yesterday afternoon after a voyage of 193 days from Swansea. The Bourgainville came by way of Cape of Good Hope. She brings 3000 tons of coal consigned to Balfour, Guthrie & Company.

EFFICIENT DEPARTMENT.

Fires in Chicago Business District Kept in Control.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Not a single business house fire in Chicago in 1907 has extended beyond the walls of the structure in which it started. This tribute to the promptness and efficiency of the department of which he heads was made yesterday by Fire Chief Horan. In the frame house district on two or three occasions the spread of fire had been greater but where the great business houses are in danger and buildings are wall-to-wall, the fire fighting men of the city have successfully kept the blaze within the 25 or 50-foot front limit.

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Star Theater

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PROGRAM

Overture Ida Durling

DOBBY POLLMAN

Petite Soubrette

Illustrated Song by

DICK HUTCHINS

Singing, "San Antonio." Change Thursday, "When the Bees Are in the Hives."

TOMMY LA ROSE

Tyrolean Yodler and Wooden Shoe Dancer.

BOBBY BOYLE, MYEE DAVIS AND LITTLE MERCIER

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NEW TO-DAY

Notice.

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Now at City Hall—

City Attorney Charles Abercrombie has removed from his old quarters at 591 Commercial street, and will, henceforth be found at his office on the second floor of the City Hall. 11-30-tf.

The Commercial.

The Commercial evidently is not experiencing any hard time, judging by the liberal patronage accorded this well known resort. Good goods, and a well furnished place surely attracts the best class of trade and Otto Sund is kept busy catering to it. Everyone knows the Commercial as a pleasant place to spend a few minutes in, and it has long been recognized as a well known place of meeting for friends. Drop in and see for yourself. Commercial street near 11th.

The Tyler.

The Tyler still keeps up its reputation. Good liquors and polite attention will always win, and in pursuance of this idea Clarence Tyler has made no change in the quality of his goods, and has secured the services of Uncle Gene Lent whose genial personality makes him popular with the Tyler's patrons. Everyone knows where the Tyler is, Sixth and Bond streets.

Oliver typewriters and automatic stenographers at A. R. Cyrus, 424 Commercial street. tf.

The Palace.

The Palace Restaurant is still keeping up its reputation for the excellence of its meals, and service, a reputation that is of the best, and well earned. The doors never close at this popular place and at any hour of the day or night the best the market affords can always be had served in excellent style. No matter how great the rush may be each patron receives due attention and complaints are unheard of.

New Grocery Store.

Try our own mixture of coffee—the J. P. B. Fresh fruit and vegetables. Babollet & Co. grocers. Phone Main

Columbia and Victor graphophones and latest records at 424 Commercial street. A. R. Cyrus. tf.

Even in the stress of presidential possibilities, the sailing of the fleet, the restoration of confidence, the Pettibone trial, the Christmas preparations and the currency bills, an occasional item reminds us that we are still digging the Panama canal.

Enough democratic senators have been found at Washington to form a campaign committee—but it isn't a very big committee.

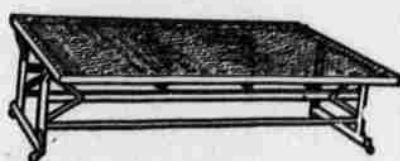
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